



## Hood County Sesquicentennial Almanac - A Digest of News Items from Around the Country

**August 4, 1923** Granbury, Hood Co., Tex. The twenty-seventh annual Old Soldiers' and Settlers' Reunion will be held here Aug. 21,22,23. This announcement was made following a meeting of the stockholders of the Reunion Association, when new directors were elected as follows: J.H. Doyle, W.B. Daniel, D.C. Glenn, L.A. Rylee, and H.J. Aston. Dallas Morning News 8/5/23

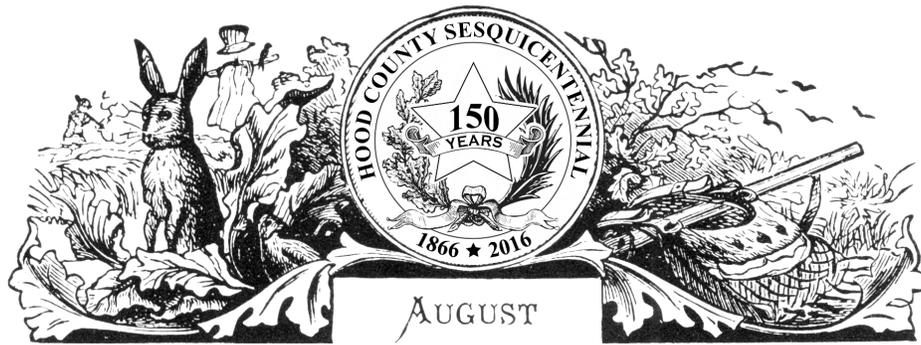
**August 6, 1897** Granbury, Hood Co., Tex. The Alaska gold fever has reached this town. A number of our citizens, among the number being Gaston Cogdell and Lon Morris, contemplate going to the gold fields in the near future. Dallas Morning News

**August 8, 1939** Falls Creek, Hood County. West Texas Bureau of The News. Here once stood a thriving community centered around a water grist mill established in 1855 by Aaron Farris at the confluence of Falls Creek and the Brazos River. Only traces of the old town are left on the farm of Claude Blaylock, a mile as the crow flies from Acton and seven miles downriver from Granbury. In the 1850's and 60's settlers from a radius of forty miles brought their corn and wheat to Falls Creek for processing. Long lines of wagons scotched their wheels to skid down the steep road that led to the mill and doubled teams to haul the flour and meal out again. The Brazos was dammed just below the mouth of Falls Creek and the whole flow of the smaller stream was diverted into a mill race which since has filled up with river sand during floods. Dallas Morning News

**August 7, 1937** Stephenville, Texas (AP) A Hood County grand jury Tuesday no-billed Special Ranger Tom Lindsey, clearing him of a murder charge growing out of the shooting of Ross Dennis at Lipan July 23. Dennis died July 26. Dennis allegedly was shot after he had drawn a firearm and threatened the officer, who had been stationed at Lipan to deal with a wave of petty crime. The Granbury News

**August 9, 1921** A small museum in Granbury has two exhibits - one is a striped snake 3 feet long that supposedly came from the stomach of a man and the other is a bottle of beer of a Milwaukee brew of 1890. Both repose unwatched on shelves in the Hannaford drug store that has been part of Granbury these fifty years. The bottle of beer bears the inscription "Bottle of beer given to Dr. E. A. Hannaford by Charles Brady, Sr., at laying of cornerstone of Courthouse, Granbury, 1890." Mr. Stringfellow is caretaker of the odd little museum. Dallas Morning News

**August 10, 1906** Special to the News. Granbury, Tex. While looking over his pasture yesterday, Mr. Dillard of near Thorp Spring was attracted by a mound of fresh earth. Upon



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examination it was found that a hole about 3 ½ X 3 feet had been recently dug, perhaps the night before, and in the bottom of this excavation was the imprint of some kind of a vessel which had been removed. The place is peculiarly marked, the excavation being in the center of four roughly chipped stones set in a square and sunk almost out of sight in the earth. A short distance from this square is another stone, with a hatchet sketched on its surface and set in the ground so that the edge of the hatchet blade points directly to the place where the excavation was made. Mr. Dillard says he had noticed the place oftentimes, but supposed it to have been an old landmark. The supposition is that the vessel contained money and the find may be connected with an old story that has been told in this country ever since its first settlers arrived, that in the territory somewhere between Comanche Peak and Robinson Creek a large quantity of gold had been buried by parties who, on their return from the gold fields of California, were attacked and killed by the Indians. Dallas Morning News

**August 11, 1938** On Sunday afternoon, Mr. Haskins, of Dallas, who is in charge of a contingent of 104 Dallas youths, who are spending the week at Camp Crockett at Thorp Spring, called at the home of Ashley W. Crockett, and asked that he accompany him to the old home site of Robert P. Crockett on Rucker's Creek, six miles northeast of Granbury, to visit the Centennial marker placed there in 1936 by the State of Texas in memory of Elizabeth Crockett, widow of David Crockett. The marker is erected on the exact place where once stood the log cabin in which Elizabeth Crockett lived and died there in 1860. It is a marble slab about 5 feet high and three to four feet in width, and bears this inscription: "To the memory of Elizabeth Crockett, widow of David Crockett, who died Jan 31, 1860." Around the marker stands a grove of oak trees. These trees are over 80 years old. No part of the old home is left to identify it, except a pile of rocks which formed one of the chimneys. The place is now owned by J.C. Grissom, who lives at his filling station on the highway some three miles away. He has several of the oak logs from the old cabin home at his filling station. These logs are in a perfect state of preservation, although they were an integral part of the home built by Robert P. Crockett in 1858.

**August 12, 1913** Special to the News. Granbury, Tex. The Confederate Veterans' reunion will open here tomorrow. A lengthy program has been arranged. The program will open Wednesday at 10 a.m. with an invocation by Rev. D.A. McGuire, after which the welcome addresses and responses will be made and the city formally turned over to the visitors by Mayor Ross. The feature Thursday will be a cavalry parade from the public square to the reunion ground, led by Brig. Gen. Bonner and Gen. Felix Robertson. The reunion will close Friday night



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with an old fiddlers contest, for which three prizes have been offered. Dallas Morning News  
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**August 14, 1947** Work started on the new bandstand on the north side of the court house lawn Monday morning. Most of the labor and considerable material is being donated but some cash is needed badly. The Hood County News-Tablet

**August 15, 1901** Between 7 and 8 o'clock this evening in the store of McClung & Skipper, A. Krakauer, a young man, was fatally shot by Dr. J. R. Lancaster, the weapon used being a 44-caliber pistol. There were a number of witnesses but as they decline to talk. No details of the affair are obtainable. Fort Worth Star Telegram

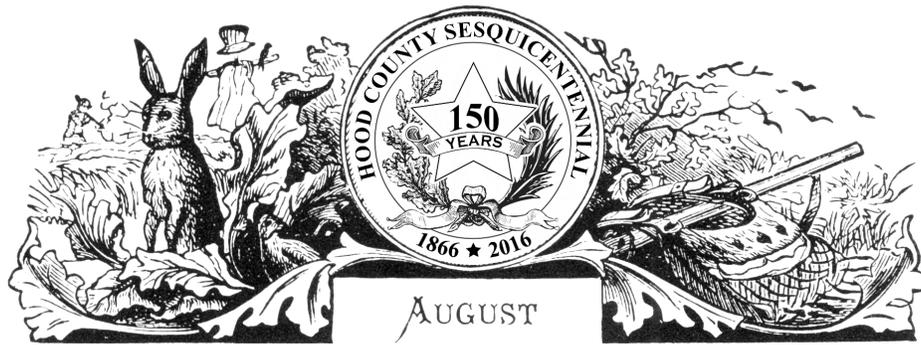
**August 16, 1924** Special to the News. Granbury, Hood Co., Tex. The Granbury fire department has recently added to its equipment another large hose and chemical wagon. Dallas Morning News

**August 17, 1951** Granbury, Texas. Associated Press Jesse James, the Missouri outlaw is dead at last—if J. Frank Dalton actually was the man who terrorized the Midwest in the 80's. Dalton who said he was 107, died here Wednesday night. The aged man, who came here recently from Texas City, claimed three years ago, while living at Lawton, Okla., that he was James—that the man who was shot at St. Joseph, Mo., in 1882 by Bob Ford actually was Charlie Bigelow. But Jesse E. James of Los Angeles, son of the outlaw, and other members of the James family denied Dalton's claims. The Greensboro Record

**August 17, 1900** Thorp Springs, Tex. The Add-Ran School property at this place owned by D.C. Cogdell of Granbury, has been bought by the citizens here and J.J. Jarvis of Fort Worth, for the purpose of building a school second to none in the state. It will be known as Jarvis College. The Register

**August 26, 1897** Capt. Lon Morris took the Riddle rifles over to Fort Worth this evening to take part in the storming of the Alamo. Many citizens of Granbury went along with them to see the battle. Dallas Morning News

**August 28, 1934** Granbury. Associated Press. Harold Rylee, operator of a drink stand here, was charged with murder Tuesday for the fatal shooting Monday night of T.C. Mitchell of Tolar. The shooting occurred in Rylee's place of business and was witnessed by his wife. Three pistol bullets struck Mitchell. Dallas Morning News



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**August 29, 1874** Among our items of state news published a fortnight ago, we mentioned the death of Captain Pidecote, of Granbury, occasioned by a mistake in taking some pills. It has since been developed by a coroner's jury, as we learn from the Denison News, that the unfortunate man was the victim of his wife's infidelity and treachery. The statement is that she allowed herself to be seduced from her duty to her husband by a man named Count, that Count had considerable money when their guilty intercourse began; that this money had been exhausted, and that in order to replenish his exchequer, he prevailed upon his victim to poison her husband so that she might collect a policy of insurance he had taken out on his life. The poison used was morphine, made up into pills, and administered to Pidecote when he complained of being unwell. The guilty woman and her more guilty paramour are now in the Granbury jail awaiting their trial for murder. Dallas Weekly Herald